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# Rapid River News!

*From L.R.B.O.I.*

*Ziisahaakdoka-Giizis (Sugar Moon)  
March 29, 2011 Volume 6 Issue 12*

*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)*

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## **(Cultural related items)**

- **Elders Calendar notes. MIEA meeting-LRBOI will be hosting the afternoon of October 12th, 13th and morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Elders Conference is November 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Party is December 3rd.**
  - **Warriors Society Updates.** The Warrior Society has several announcements:
    - The following Warriors were elected for a two year Post at the March meeting:
      - Commander.....Bill Memberto
      - Vice Commandeer.....John Shano
      - Secretary.....Virg Johnson
      - Treasurer .....Robert Memberto
      - Sergeant at Arms.....Ferdinand Luchene
      - Chaplin.....Patrick Wilson
    - They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
    - The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)
    - Next meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

• Peacemaking-Probation Department

Starting in April the Peacemaking/Probation Department will be accepting "Letters of Interest" from Tribal Members who would like to become part of the Peacemaking team.

Every year we strive to involve more Tribal Members and ask for volunteers to become Peacemakers.

The Peacemaking/Probation Department invites you to become part of the peacemaking process, by healing Tribal relationships two Members at a time.

If you are interested in becoming a Peacemaker,

Please contact:

Pat Wilson (231)398-2239 email: [pwilson@lrboi.com](mailto:pwilson@lrboi.com)

or

Austen Brauker (231)398-2240 email: [abrauker@lrboi.com](mailto:abrauker@lrboi.com)

***"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying "A Place of Healing Many Hearts"***

END DATE: April 29, 2011

**Kateri Circle 2011**

Muskegon Four Season's

2011 Gatherings

all dates times are same 11 am to 3 pm

ST. Thomas Hall

3252 Apple Ave { M-46 }

Muskegon , Michigan

POTLUCK = Dish to pass

tableware and beverage will be supplied

Raffles and Door Prizes and silent auctions

Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865

Debra Gutowski

231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

"Come forward and join hands with us in this great work for the Creator."

-- Traditional Circle of Elders,  
NORTHERN CHEYENNE

The Elders have spent years learning to pray and communicate with the Great Spirit. Their job is to pass this knowledge to the younger people. The Elders have told us we are now in a great time of Healing. The Creator is guiding the younger people to help them figure this out. We must get involved and participate. We should pray and see what it is the Great Spirit wants us to do. We need to sacrifice our time and do what is our mission – to help the people and be of maximum use to the Creator. Every person is needed to accomplish this great Healing.

***Creator, whisper what you want me to do***

Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering

Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper

Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering

11am to 3 pm all Sunday dates

**Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialize and share the day and make memories.....**

Debra Gutowski-Director

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(General area items)

- **Tutoring Available for Students!**

Where: LRBOI Old Community Center

Dates: Every Tuesday – March 22nd – May 31st

Time: 2pm - 6pm(ish)

Contact: Santana Aker – Education Youth Assistant

Phone: (231) 398-6654

Email: [Saker@lrboi.com](mailto:Saker@lrboi.com)

Walk-ins welcome – Appointments preferred

The tutoring is available to any student finding they need help in any subject area. I have a strong knowledge base of most subjects, but my emphasis areas are in Social Studies/History, Geography, and English.

If you need assistance in any other education related task, such as organization, time management, etc. These are areas that I can also assist in helping.

I am available to college students, but the time reserved for them is between 2pm – 3:30pm, which is before younger students are out of school.

- **Tight Lines for Troops.** The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) Veterans Program is proud to announce the Little River Casino Resort & Manistee County Charter Boats' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Tight Lines for Troops" Veterans Charity Fishing Tournament. On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, Manistee County Charter Captains join other fishing boat Captains from around northern Michigan to host 160 Michigan military service personnel and Veterans on 40 four-person "Teams."
- **AAIA scholarships for 2011-2012.** Please make this information available to the students in your families, tribes, communities and those you work with. They currently have scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students from federally recognized as well as non-recognized tribes. They fund for the entire school year and the acceptance period for 2011-2012 is April 4-June 13. Students can see the website at [www.indian-affairs.org](http://www.indian-affairs.org) for full details. Watch the May **Currents** for further details or contact Yvonne in the Education Office at 231.398.6735.
- **Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011**

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more.

- **Commerce - Workforce Development Announce 2011 Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program**

The LRBOI Department of Commerce Workforce Development Program is finalizing plans for a Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program designed to provide qualifying Tribal Citizens a work experience in an assortment of positions via its' government, enterprises and business entities. David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, explains the program as an opportunity for the LRBOI Tribal Citizen to gain supervised experience in a work setting that can be included on their resume and in interviews.

The Adult component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the program will be based on the strength of their interview and LRBOI Application for Employment which must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. Applicants must also submit a Workforce Development Application for Programs. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from Spring 2011 until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$10.00 per hour.

The Youth component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens 16-17 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will also be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the Youth program will be based on the submission of a work permit. State labor laws require the submission of a CA-7 work permit for minors 16 and 17 years of age. No one will be considered or selected for the program without a work permit. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from the end of the public school year until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$7.65 per hour.

Watch for full details of the Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program in the April issue of Currents and in Rapid River News.

- ~~**HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP**~~ has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.
- **Be Da Bin Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**. Be Da Bin has scheduled their popular Easter Egg Hunt for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Gathering Grounds out by the Trading Post in Manistee. The hunt starts at 11 a.m. and there are prizes for each of the age groups from 0-2; 3-6 and 7 and up. There will also be lunch and some door prizes. All youngsters must be accompanied by an adult.
- **DNR Hiring Now for Summer Positions at State Parks, Recreation Areas, Boating Facilities and Visitor Centers**

**More than 1,200 workers will be hired for summer jobs by the Department of Natural Resources in state parks, state recreation areas, boating facilities and visitor centers. Applications are being accepted now for positions such as greeting park visitors at the contact booth, selling Recreation Passport entrance permits, and performing operations and maintenance work such as mowing, landscaping, trail maintenance, janitorial and clerical work.**

**Summer employees are needed at Michigan's 98 state parks and recreation areas, nearly 700 boating access sites and 16 state harbors located around the state. Part- and full-time employment is available, with an opportunity to work up to 1,040 hours during the summer season. Seasonal employees are paid a minimum of \$7.65 per hour. Applicants must be 18 or older and willing to work varied shifts, including weekends, evenings and holidays.**

**More information about seasonal jobs with the DNR can be found at [www.michigan.gov/dnrjobs](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrjobs). Contacts: Ron Olson 517-373-9900 or Mary Dettloff (MEDIA ONLY) 517-335-3014**

**In addition to seasonal workers for operations and maintenance, the DNR also hires summer naturalists to work as Explorer Guides or staffing the DNR visitor centers at one of the state parks, recreation areas or fish hatcheries. These jobs are suitable for persons wanting to gain experience in resource education. Typical job duties may include preparing and presenting a variety of programs, hikes or tours for park visitors on topics related to the resources within the parks and hatcheries. Training and program supplies are provided. Explorer Guides work individually within their parks, while visitor center**

employees work under the guidance of a permanent DNR park interpreter.

Interested individuals should submit an employment application to the park, recreation area, boating facility, or visitor center where they would like to work. Applicants should specify the position type -- State Worker, Seasonal Park Ranger, Explorer Guide or Visitor Center.

The State of Michigan is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about working in a state park, recreation area, or boating facility, or to download an application, visit [www.michigan.gov/stateparks](http://www.michigan.gov/stateparks), under "Seasonal Information." Applications are also available at all state parks or recreation areas. For more information about the Explorer Guide Program only, send an e-mail to [DNR-ExplorersProgram@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-ExplorersProgram@michigan.gov).

- **Fitness and fun** at the old community center every Mon. and Thurs. evening after 5 p.m. family/children are welcome! We will be doing **Wii** activities and following exercise DVD's. If anyone has questions they can contact Holly Davis at 398-6610, Community Health Representative at 398-6629 or Peggy Ducey HR 398-6807.

#### (Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Bank Building Elevator construction.** The elevator in the Bank Building (Manistee) at 375 River Street will be shut down for repair beginning March 20<sup>th</sup> and continuing for 4-6 weeks. Please make arrangements to use the back door (off the parking lot) for business on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors and the River Street entrance for HR and Grants.
- **Tribal Council Meetings move.** Due to the repairs to the Bank Building elevator, Tribal Council will be holding their regular Wednesday meetings at the Old Community Center for approximately 4-6 weeks. If you are going to attend the meetings, please make arrangements to go there instead of the Dome Room on River Street. The change of location is being made to accommodate Tribal Members who would have difficulty using the stairs to the third floor.
- **MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES PILOT PROJECT:**

#### CRIMINAL DEFENSE AT LRBOI TRIBAL COURT

Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and the Tribal Court are pleased to announce that MILS will begin offering assistance to criminal defendants in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. Starting now, MILS attorneys will be available to represent indigent defendants facing criminal charges as part of a year-long pilot project. The service will be available and free to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements.

The purpose of the pilot project is twofold. First, MILS hopes to provide high quality representation by assisting clients through the system, providing necessary balance in an adversarial system. Second, through the experience of the pilot project, MILS hopes to be able to make an informed decision as to whether we should maintain the project at LRBOI, expand into other tribal courts, or end the program as part of the commitment to serving the native communities within Michigan. MILS will conduct an ongoing program evaluation with the help of clients and LRBOI Court staff.

Those Tribal Members facing criminal charges in the Tribal Court, will be notified of this project, and given MILS contact information at the first court hearing.

- **Gardening for Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Seminar**

When: Saturday April 16, 2011 8 a.m. to 4p.m.  
Where: Aki Community Center

Traditional speaker, Kathy LeBlanc Cultural Services Director from Bay Mills Community College will speak on reclaiming traditional food sources  
Learn to train/prepare your soil for planting  
How to extend the growing season  
Building raised bed gardens and increase your yield

Planting your garden and much more

Participants may also get free blood pressure check, blood sugar monitoring and hearing screening from Beltone

Breakfast and lunch are provided

- **Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events In Diabetes Wellness**

Opening of Mnagaanewin (being healthy physically) Center...our new fitness center!

Walking Challenge to begin June 2011

Community Garden at Aki

Seminar to learn more about harvesting, seed saving, canning and preserving your harvest in August 2011

For more information or to ask a question call Holly Davis Diabetes Coordinator 231-398-6610

- **Elders Survey Time!** Members Assistance is working on the 2010 Elders Survey for the Administration on Aging and needs your help. Participating elders will receive a gift of appreciation (\$10.00 gift card) and a certificate of participation. We are in need of at least 250 surveys and have only 83 completed so far. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department at 888-723-8288.

- Spring Membership Meeting  
*Saturday April 9, 2011*

Friday April 8, 2011 7 pm – 9 pm	Ogema Meet & Greet	Little River Casino Resort Event Center
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Saturday April 9, 2011 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Little River Casino Resort Event Center
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- **Meeting Agenda**

<b>8 a.m. – Registration Begins</b>	<b>Located Near Event Center</b>
<b>9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Informational Booths</b>	<b>Hallway – Three Fires Conference</b>
<b>10 a.m. - Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations</b>	<b>Event Center</b>
<b>10:00 a.m. Opening of meeting</b>	
<b>12 p.m. Lunch Served</b>	<b>Event Center</b>
	<b>Informational Booths Close</b>
<b>1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Official Meeting Begins</b>	
<b>2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Question and Answer Period</b>	
<b>4 p.m. Meeting Ends</b>	<b>Thank – you for attending and Safe Travel Home</b>

*Note-Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in membership is reached~*

- **Enrollment Department at Membership Meeting.** The Tribal Enrollment Department will be set up at the Little River Casino Resort on Friday before the Membership Meeting beginning at 1 p.m. They will also be set up on Saturday for the convenience of the tribal members.
- **Casino Board of Directors** meetings have been set. They are:
  - April 8
  - May 13
- **Muskegon Project.** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, **Muskegon Jobs Now**, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.
- **Lawn Care Bid – Muskegon! The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is requesting proposals for the purpose of obtaining Lawn/Grounds care for the property located at 4800 Harvey Street Fruitport, MI.**

**For bid packets, interested proposers should contact LRBOI's Purchasing Office at 888-723-8288 ext 6804 or ext 6814. Formal proposals and cost information must be received by April 22nd, 2011.**
- **Trading Post logowear!** We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to [www.baysupplyinc.com](http://www.baysupplyinc.com) and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.
- **Work Search Computer!** The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRRCR, as well as other job resource information.
- **Commissions/Committees:**

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	1 opening
LRRCR Board	1 opening for an elected official